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Re: Mitigation Plan for Pond Permit 27-7582

Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Dear Mr. Carlson,

As per our recent conversation, I would like to finalize a mitigation plan to allow approval of the application for pond permit 27-7582. We are recent owners of property listed on 1577 E. Wolverine Rd, Firth, Idaho. The previous owner of said property applied for a pond permit on March 20, 1998. The pond had been in place for 15 years prior to the application. The pond is 1 acre in size and is fed by a spring as a tributary of Wolverine Creek and is located at 5400 ft. The spring is located SWNWNW Sec 11, Township 02S, Range 38E, in Bingham County. The permit is for Recreation Storage and Diversion to Storage for a total diversion rate of 5 CFS.

We also have Water Rights number 27-51B and 27-11919, which are used to irrigate 5.6 acres of ground in a single irrigation season. We understand that by having a shallow pond that there is evapotranspiration that must be taken into consideration. We should note that the pond is located on historically irrigated grounds. The actual Annual Evapotranspiration, as per the Kimberly Research and Extension Center at the University of Idaho, is used for the Fort Hall Indian Agency listed at 4500 feet. This appears to be the closest vicinity for the calculated amount of evapotranspiration. The annual amount of loss is 919 mm or 36.18 inches/acre/yr (See attached exhibit A). We would believe that the actual evapotranspiration of this pond is less, as it is located 1000 feet higher. The pond is also on grounds that have historically been irrigated.

Water rights 27-51B and 27-11919 provides for a total of 0.17 CFS for 5.6 acres. On the presumption that the amount of evapotranspiration for an acre pond, (36.18 acre inches/year), equals an acre of irrigated land than we are willing to remove 1.0 acre of irrigated ground to mitigate for the loss. The amount of evapotranspiration for alfalfa, for instance, equals 1125 mm or 44.3 inches/acre/year for the same area. We feel that if possible, the amount of land mitigated to not being irrigated should be less than 1 acre. Please see

enclosed aerial view of the area that we would be willing to mitigate for the pond evapotranspiration (Exhibit B).

We are also in the process of installing a HDPE pipe for the inflow from the spring to mitigate any seepage and evaporative loss, as is now occurring with the diversion ditch. We are also abiding with the request for installation of a new headgate and measuring device, as per Idaho Code, Section 42-701 to measure the inflow to the pond. We have reviewed this with Watermaster, James Cefalo.

We hope that this mitigation plan will suffice to allow acceptance of pond permit 27-7582.

Sincerely,

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Fort Hall Indian Agency (NWS NOAA--103297)

Statistics based on 30 years between 1971 to 2004

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Open water - shallow systems (ponds, streams)														
Actual Evapotranspiration (Click here for a graph)														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Growing Season ^a	Annual
Mean	mm/day												mm	
Monthly ^b	0.53	0.91	1.79	2.94	3.70	4.39	4.66	4.19	3.20	2.35	0.96	0.50	919	919
15-Day Moving Average ^c	0.52	0.89	1.80	2.99	3.72	4.37	4.64	4.17	3.15	2.35	0.95	0.50		
7-Day Moving Average ^d	0.53	0.90	1.79	2.95	3.71	4.37	4.65	4.18	3.17	2.36	0.95	0.50		
3-Day Moving Average ^e	0.53	0.91	1.79	2.95	3.70	4.38	4.65	4.19	3.19	2.35	0.96	0.50		
Standard Deviation	mm/day												mm	
Monthly	0.19	0.22	0.46	0.43	0.59	0.34	0.47	0.42	0.36	0.42	0.25	0.18	52	52
15-Day Moving Average	0.17	0.23	0.41	0.53	0.57	0.45	0.38	0.41	0.45	0.46	0.33	0.14		
7-Day Moving Average	0.22	0.32	0.51	0.72	0.79	0.66	0.48	0.53	0.60	0.65	0.41	0.20		
3-Day Moving Average	0.29	0.43	0.65	0.93	1.01	0.88	0.66	0.66	0.77	0.81	0.51	0.28		
20% Exceedance	mm/day												mm	
Monthly	0.64	1.06	2.12	3.34	4.07	4.62	4.89	4.36	3.45	2.55	1.12	0.64	968	968
15-Day Moving Average	0.75	1.30	2.64	3.82	4.63	5.07	5.10	4.77	3.81	3.12	1.44	0.74		
7-Day Moving Average	0.94	1.54	2.86	4.50	5.32	5.53	5.42	4.96	4.20	3.59	1.73	0.93		
3-Day Moving Average	1.21	1.91	3.41	5.27	5.88	6.02	5.81	5.33	4.54	4.14	2.24	1.13		
80% Exceedance	mm/day												mm	
Monthly	0.41	0.74	1.49	2.57	3.23	3.93	4.34	3.95	2.92	2.01	0.73	0.37	883	883
15-Day Moving	0.26	0.61	1.24	2.20	2.76	3.55	4.00	3.45	2.33	1.50	0.47	0.29		

